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His Majesties

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LETTER

TO

Patrick *Earl of* Marchmont *Lord High Chancellor*, *Sir* Hugh Dalrymple *of* North-Berwick *President of the Colledge of Justice and the rest of the Senators thereof.*

William *R.*

Right Trusty and Right well beloved Cousin and Councellour, Right Trusty and entirely beloved Cousins and Councellours, Right Trusty and well beloved Cousins & Councellours, Right Trusty & well beloved Councellours, Trusty and well beloved Councellours, And Trusty and well beloved; We Greet you well. We have with a great deal of Satisfaction, Received your Address, which contains very full and renewed Assurances of your Affection and Loyalty to our Person & Government; And we return you our hearty Thanks, for the Resentments you express of the Indignity offered by the *French King* to Us and Our People, by owning the pre-

pretended Prince of *Wales* as King of our Dominions: Which no doubt has been designed to creat Divisions amongst Our good Subjects, and to Encourage such as are Disaffected to Our Government; But the mutual Confidence, That on this occasion does appear between Us and Our People, is one of the most sure Means to Disappoint the Wicked Designs of Our Enemies both at Home and Abroad.

We are Sensible, That the Religion and Libertys of Our People were Exposed in the late Reigns to the greatest Danger; And that they were *Preserved* by the Blessing of GOD, on the joint Endeavours of Us and Our Subjects, and amongst the great Encroachments then made, there was none more *Sensibly* Felt than those on the Constitution of the Civil Judicatories, fully expresst in the Claim of Right; And as We have made it the Chief Design of Our Government, to preserve *Inviolable* the Laws, Religion and Liberties of that Our Ancient Kingdom; So We take this Opportunity to return you Our hearty Thanks, for your equal Administration of Justice, which has Rendered you acceptable both to Us and our People.

We know your Chief Busines is the Administration of Justice, and that it has not been usual to Addres as an Judicature, Yet it renders your Addres the more acceptable at present, and We put the greater Value and Esteem upon it, That it shews the Detestation you have of the Injurious Attempt that has been made against Our undoubted Title to the Crown, and the Foundamental Laws of the Nation.

We doubt not but your Example will have great Influence on Our other Subjects: And reposing intire Trust, and Confidence in your Loyalty and Affection to Us, We give you full Assurance of Our Royal Protection in all your Concerns, and so We bid you heartily fare-Well.

Given at Our Court at Hamptoun-Court the 5th *day of* December 1701, *and of Our Reign the* 13th year.

By his Majesties Command,
HYNDFOORD.

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